

## Article - Health Occupations

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§12-6A-01.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Authorized prescriber” means a licensed physician, licensed podiatrist, or certified advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority under § 8-508 of this article.
- (c) “Group model health maintenance organization” has the meaning stated in § 19-713.6 of the Health – General Article.
- (d) “Health maintenance organization” has the meaning stated in § 19-701(g) of the Health – General Article.
- (e) (1) “Institutional facility” means a facility other than a nursing home whose primary purpose is to provide a physical environment for patients to obtain inpatient or emergency care.  
(2) “Institutional facility” does not include an urgent care facility that is not part of a facility.
- (f) “Prescriber-pharmacist agreement” means an agreement between an authorized prescriber and a licensed pharmacist that is disease-state specific and specifies the protocols that may be used.
- (g) “Protocol” means a course of treatment predetermined by the authorized prescriber and licensed pharmacist according to generally accepted medical practice for the proper completion of a particular therapeutic or diagnostic intervention.
- (h) “Therapy management contract” means a voluntary, written arrangement that is:
  - (1) Disease-state specific;
  - (2) Signed by:
    - (i) One licensed pharmacist and the licensed pharmacist’s designated alternate licensed pharmacists;

(ii) One authorized prescriber and alternate designated authorized prescribers involved directly in patient care; and

(iii) One patient receiving care from an authorized prescriber and a licensed pharmacist pursuant to a prescriber–pharmacist agreement and protocol under this subtitle; and

(3) Related to treatment using drug therapy, laboratory tests, or medical devices, under defined conditions or limitations for the purpose of improving patient outcomes.

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